A LOOK AT THE RECORD

A City Reports for 1956

YOUR CITY

INCORPORATED 1846



The first City in Massachusetts to adopt
Council-Manager form of government (1940)
Population — 100,000
Tax rate for 1956 — $54.60
Number of registered voters in 1956 56,800
Home of Steel Village and Research Row

Annual Report

of the CITY of CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS

1956

F O R E W O R D

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

JOHN J. CURRY
CITY MANAGER

To the Honorable, the City Council, and the Citizens of Cambridge:

I take great pleasure in presenting to you, and through you to the citizens, the 1956 Annual Report of the City of Cambridge - the fifteenth such report under the Council-Manager form of government, giving an over-all picture of the functions and accomplishments of the City Government during 1956, and recording the progress made in many directions during the past year.

As the City strives to maintain high standards in its services, home, commercial and industrial owners continue to show faith in the City of Cambridge by expanding their present properties.

As our City continues to grow, adding to both its taxable and tax-exempt properties, we still continue to maintain a very even balance among residential, business and university valuations. Our tax base continues to increase. We show every evidence of being a very healthy City in all respects.

I hope you will enjoy and profit by the reading of these departmental reports as every effort has been made to eliminate the dryness of mere statistical material and to minimize detail so as to give it readability. For those desiring more detailed information there are available the Annual Budget and detailed reports of the major departments.

I wish to thank for their cooperation the members of the City Council and the School Committee, the Department Heads, and our many hundreds of City employees. Only as we work in harmony do we achieve our many goals. All departments have worked for the good of the City and deserve congratulations for their constant endeavor to keep Cambridge a dynamic, growing City.

I welcome at any time comments and suggestions which would help to improve the administration of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Curry

John J. Curry
City Manager

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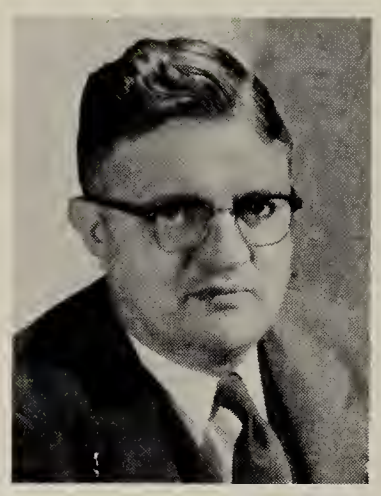
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CITY COUNCIL



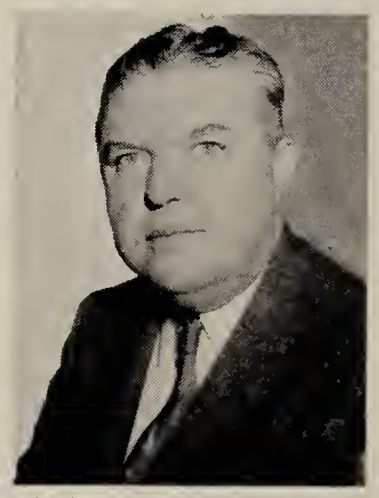
JOHN D. LYNCH



JOS. A. DeGUGLIELMO



EDWARD J. SULLIVAN
Mayor



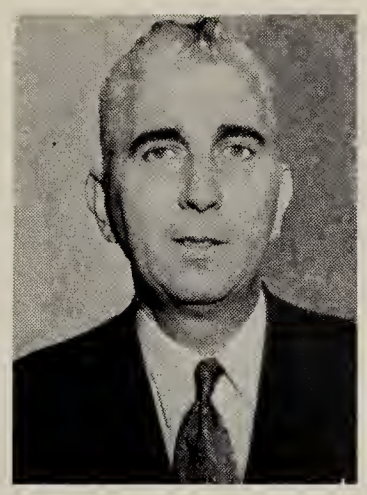
EDWARD A. CRANE

The City Council is a nine man body elected every two years by proportional representation. The Council is the law-making body of our City Government with responsibility directly to the voters.

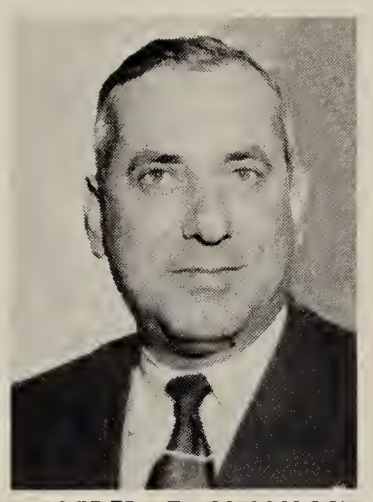
Council meets every Monday at 4:30 P.M.



MRS. PEARL K. WISE



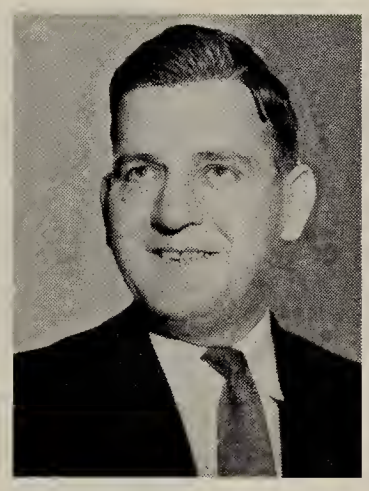
THOS. M. McNAMARA



ALFRED E. VELLUCCI



HYMAN PILL
Vice-Mayor



CHARLES A. WATSON

HIGHLIGHTS

Urban Renewal and Redevelopment Program was approved.

Salaries for Fire, Police, and Department Heads were increased by Ordinance.

City Council accepted provisions of Chapter 730 of 1956 granting cities the right to pay 50% of the cost of group hospital and life insurance for employees.

Council held 42 meetings during 1956.



OFFICE of the MAYOR

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Each new City Council elects one of its members to serve as Mayor of the City. He is the presiding officer of the Council, Chairman of the School Committee, and official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes. The Mayor's Office processes claims of public employees for Workmen's Compensation, issues proclamations, entertainment permits, and Lord's Day licenses.

STATISTICS

Employees	3
Expenditures	$25,927.00
Receipts	$3,600.00



Edward J. Sullivan, *Mayor*

HIGHLIGHTS

The Mayor presided at 42 Council meetings, 34 School Committee meetings, and attended 25 graduation exercises.

There were 192 hearings held for entertainment permits and 308 Lord's Day licenses were issued.

The Mayor's Office processed 274 invitations and issued 59 proclamations during the year.



CITY MANAGER

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Under the Plan E Charter the City Manager is appointed by and is responsible to the City Council. As chief administrative officer of the City, he is responsible for the administration of all departments, commissions, boards, and offices. One of the chief duties of the City Manager is to keep the City Council advised of the City's financial condition and its future needs. To accomplish this duty he prepares the annual budget for submission to the City Council. The constant objective of the City Manager is to operate the City with the greatest efficiency and, as its chief executive officer, to supply the citizens with the best and the most attractive services possible.

HIGHLIGHTS

M. E. Fitzgerald School was opened in September 1956. The new Morse School and the War Memorial Building are nearing completion.

Mass immunization against poliomyelitis was carried on by the Health Department.

With the aid of the Water Department $100,000.00 of new automotive equipment was purchased to improve service in the Public Works Department.

The electrical remodelling job at the City Hospital is in its final stages.

STATISTICS

Employees	3
Expenditures	$33,770.00



John J. Curry. *City Manager*



BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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The chief responsibility of the Board of Assessors is to assess the property, both personal and real, and also the polls, for tax purposes. Furthermore, the Assessors prepare a warrant for excise taxes on registered motor vehicles based on rates and schedules furnished by the Commonwealth. It is the Assessors' function to ascertain the source of funds on which the City operates.

STATISTICS

Valuation	
Real Property	$206,443,300.00
Personal Property	$21,863,750.00
Gain in assessed valuation	$1,901,750.00
Employees	15
Expenditures	$52,284.00

HIGHLIGHTS

Cambridge system of assessment, based on 100 ft. depth and corner lot influence, has received wide acceptance in other parts of the country.

In announcing its tax rate on March 14, 1956, Cambridge again was the first City in the Commonwealth to declare its tax rate.



Thomas F. Gibson, *Chairman*

BOARD MEMBERS

Thomas F. Gibson, Chairman
Joseph Guiney
C. Brendan Noonan

Assessors available
by appointment
8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

1955 - 1956

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	REVENUE 1955	REVENUE 1956	DIFFERENCE
1.	Income Tax	$642,659.81	$699,964.21	+$ 57,304.40
2.	Corporations Tax	804,541.86	911,135.51	+ 106,593.65
3.	Reimbursement of Account of Publicly owned land (1950)	——	3,422.40	+ 3,422.40
4.	Old Age Tax (Meals)	40,389.10	47,631.14	+ 7,242.04
5.	Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	885,821.30	714,302.05	— 171,519.25
6.	Licenses	264,573.02	263,747.57	— 825.45
7.	Fines	23,298.51	41,038.87	+ 17,740.36
8.	City Hospital	792,768.17	873,788.87	+ 81,020.70
9.	General Government	25,360.55	34,174.25	+ 8,813.70
10.	Protection of Persons & Property	77,567.34	89,425.21	+ 11,857.87
11.	Health and Sanitation	118,992.02	116,251.89	— 2,740.13
12.	Highways	108,841.14	106,886.51	— 1,954.63
13.	Charities	390,614.60	364.859.31	— 25,755.29
14.	Old Age Assistance	913,159.04	976,106.34	+ 62,947.30
15.	Veterans' Benefits	126,213.78	106,290.35	— 19,923.43
16.	Schools	33,852.08	14,505.55	— 19,346.53
17.	Libraries	4,282.79	4,551.52	+ 268.73
18.	Recreation	23,810.80	24,072.10	+ 261.30
19.	Water Dept.-Public Service Enterprise	942,947.78	974,171.26	+ 31,223.48
20.	Cemeteries	33,391.80	36,141.50	+ 2,749.70
21.	Interest	39,326.75	42,208.72	+ 2,881.97
22.	State Assistance for School Construction	——	48,259.87	+ 48,259.87
23.	Total Disability	105,850.46	147,951.69	+ 42,101.23
24.	Vocational Education	34,060.44	34,615.39	+ 554.95
25.	In Lieu of Taxes & Housing Funds	101,434.15	100,514.67	— 919.48
26.	Available Funds — Hurricane & Flood Reimbursement	——	28,063.30	+ 28,063.30
27.	Refund of overcharge Cambridge Electric Light Co.	——	15,743.55	+ 15,743.55
		$5,590,809.51	$5,845,652.34	+$254,842.83



AUDITING DEPARTMENT

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The City Auditor checks and protects all municipal expenditures in accordance with the powers granted him by Municipal Ordinance and State Law. No order may be placed by the Purchasing Department until the amount has first been encumbered by the Auditor in the proper departmental code, and no bill or payroll may be paid by the Treasurer without the Auditor's approval. The Auditor is appointed by the City Council for a term of three years

STATISTICS

Employees	9 full time
	2 part time
Expenditures	$40,000.00



Martin F. Nolan, *City Auditor,*
Director of the Division of Finance

HIGHLIGHTS

All hurricane repair work has been completed, claims made and reimbursement from the Commonwealth received. The net cost to the City for both hurricanes was $4,302.04; $238,129.24 having been reimbursed by the Commonwealth.

Five flood relief claims of $12,096.82 were totally reimbursed to the City; $11,-105.42 being paid by the Army Corps of Engineers and $991.40 by the Commonwealth.

Eleven flood relief claims of $44,668.80 have been reimbursed to date by the Commonwealth in the sum of $22,345.54. The outstanding balance should be closed out by July 1, 1957.



BOARD OF APPEAL

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The three man Board of Appeal, appointed by the City Manager, is made up of an architect, a builder, and a lawyer. The Board sits from time to time to hear cases of appeal from the Building Code and Zoning Laws.

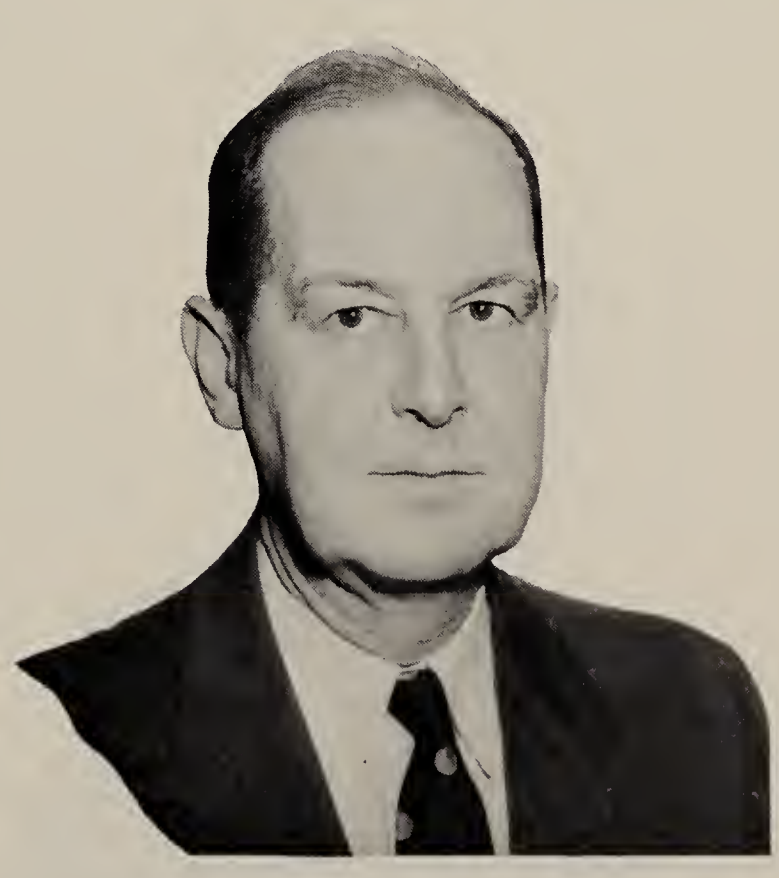
HIGHLIGHTS

New building materials used in large scale industrial construction have caused the majority of petitions for relief from the Building Code.

BOARD MEMBERS
James J. Walsh, Chairman
John A. DeLoria
Henry J. Moulton
Board meets on Tuesday at 4:00 P.M. whenever there are enough appeals.

STATISTICS

Employees	4
Expenditures (except clerical)	$1,304.00
Petitions:	
Granted	82
Denied	9
Withdrawn	6



James J. Walsh, *Chairman*



BOARD OF EXAMINERS

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The Board of Examiners consists of three members — an architect, an engineer, and a master building contractor. The Board holds hearings and grants licenses only to those builders, roofers, gas fitters, sign erectors, or other construction tradesmen who meet examination requirements established for each trade by the Board.

HIGHLIGHTS

Issued 5 new licenses.
Renewed 360 licenses.
Granted 430 special licenses.

STATISTICS
Expenditures—Included in Building Department
Receipts—$1,668.00



John A. DeLoria, *Chairman*

BOARD MEMBERS
John A. DeLoria, Chairman
Robert J. Hansen
Thomas Mulcare

Board meets whenever there are enough applications.



BUDGET–PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

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The Budget-Personnel Director is responsible for the preparation, analysis and compilation of the annual City Budget based on requests from the various City Department Heads. Upon passage of the Budget by the City Council, the Budget-Personnel Director is further responsible for its control as it applies to the various City Departments. The Budget-Personnel Director also serves as a clearing house for position classifications, salary schedules, information, and statistics pertaining to the entire range of the personnel organization of the City.

HIGHLIGHTS

Set up comparative position classification and salary schedule report based on statistics from comparable cities and towns and the Commonwealth. This report was used for the revision of salaries of all position classifications in the City service. Processed expeditiously new employees, provisional employees, and temporary employees for all City Departments.

Served as a consultant, information center, and liaison on all budget and personnel affairs for the Council, the Manager, Department Heads, Employees, and Civil Service.

STATISTICS

Employees	3
Expenditures	$14,152.00



Owen F. McCall, *Budget-Personnel Director*



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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Permits for all building, plumbing, gas fitting, and electrical work done in the City, and certificates for elevators and places of assembly, are issued by the Building Department. It constantly inspects public buildings, places of assembly, lodging houses, nursery schools, convalescent homes, and elevators.

Cost of new construction (taxable and non-taxable)	$5,322,950.00
Total value of building permits	$8,103,710.00
Largest single permit (M.I.T. Laboratory)	$1,000,000.00

STATISTICS

Employees	10
Expenditures	$46,923.00
Receipts	$21,330.00

HIGHLIGHTS

Estimated cost of	
New residential building	$ 180,000.00
New non-residential building	$5,142,950.00
Alterations, additions and repairs	
Residential	$ 684,553.00
Non-residential	$1,768,086.00
Elevators	
New and repairs	$ 212,203.00
Residential and non-residential razes	$ 54,660.00
Signs	$ 61,258.00
New dwelling units	60
Dwelling units demolished	73



Stephen F. Spencer, *Superintendent of Buildings*
(d. March 5, 1957)

TYPE	PERMITS	INSPECTIONS	TESTS	COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED
Building	949	2690	—	68
Electrical	1813	4812	—	150
Gas	1142	1540	762	45
Plumbing	466	1809	1337	34
Elevators	10	663	—	—



CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Following the unanimous acceptance of an Order by the City Council, Mayor Edward J. Sullivan appointed on June 14, 1956 the "Citizens Advisory Committee to the Cambridge City Council." The Mayor designated the "Citizens Advisory Committee to the Cambridge City Council" as the agency charged with the responsibility of studying the problem of Urban Renewal in Cambridge, of recommending solutions to this problem to the City Government and of interpreting the program recommended by them to the citizens of Cambridge. The Committee is to operate as a private agency, raise its own funds, determine its own budget, and formulate its own program.

THE COMMITTEE

Raymond S. McLay, *Chairman*

Paul R. Corcoran
Robert R. Duncan
Ralph F. George
Hon. Francis J. Good
Harding U. Greene
Mrs. Mildred M. Horton
Dr. James R. Killian, Jr.
Miss Katherine McNamara
Philip R. Morss
Salvatore A. Percoco
Dr. Nathan M. Pusey
Raymond S. Stevens
Theodore L. Storer
C. Russell Walton

Committee meets bi-weekly.



Raymond S. McLay, *Chairman*

CITY CLERK

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The City Clerk is appointed by the City Council and his duties are prescribed by statute and ordinance. All meetings of the City Council are attended by the City Clerk and he keeps the records of these meetings. In addition, his Office records every birth, marriage, and death that takes place in the City; issues licenses for dogs, sporting events, and marriages; certifies copies of official documents; records official papers, such as mortgages and business certificates. The City Clerk's Office is the depositor of the City Seal and of City records, both current and historical.

STATISTICS

Employees	9
Expenditures	$35,752.00
Receipts	$29,235.00



Frederick H. Burke, *City Clerk*

HIGHLIGHTS

Licenses and fees including sporting, dog, marriage, slaughterhouse, etc. totaled $19,178.00.

Recording fees, mortgages, married women's certificates, business certificates, physicians', chiropodists', optometrists', etc. totaled $10,057.00.

VITAL STATISTICS

Cambridge Residents—	
Births in Cambridge	1432
Non-Residents—Births in Cambridge	1959
Cambridge Residents—	
Births outside Cambridge	776
	4167
Intentions of Marriage Filed	1389
Marriages Recorded	1551
Deaths Recorded	1963
Delayed Returns of Births Recorded	59
Affidavits of Correction of Births Recorded	237
Instruments Recorded	4082



CIVIC UNITY COMMITTEE

CITY HALL ANNEX (McCUSKER CENTER)
57 INMAN STREET TR 6-8621

The Civic Unity Committee is the City's official agency for fostering democratic attitudes and protecting the rights of minority groups. The Committee is composed of 45 citizens appointed by the City Manager from all sections of the City and carefully selected to represent all occupations, religions, racial backgrounds, and economic statuses.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Marcus Morton, Honorary Chairman

Mrs. Herrman L. Blumgart
Dr. Robert Chin
Rev. Leonard G. Clough
Rabbi A. L. Hartstein
Dr. Gunnar E. Haugh
Mrs. Guy H. Johnson
Allan Korb
Mrs. Stella M. Landis
Mrs. Edward S. Mason
Mrs. Donald H. Menzel
J. Wade Miller
Miss Mary R. O'Neill
Prof. F. L. Rousseve
Mrs. Ashton Sanborn
Mrs. Herbert Sherwin
Miss Carol M. Smith
Rev. Ernest D. Thompson
Mr. Richard M. Wyman

Board meets periodically.

STATISTICS

Employees	2
Expenditures	$7,826.00

HIGHLIGHTS

Second Annual Clergy Seminar held in conjunction with social workers.

Rossi Report on "student rooming in Cambridge" was printed and distributed.



Mrs. Catherine T. Johnson
Executive Director,
(resigned December 28, 1956)

CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

489 BROADWAY KI 7-5355

The Civil Defense Agency was created to plan the protection of the City in case of any emergency. Since disaster is no respecter of persons, the tremendous need for volunteer workers can only be filled by the complete cooperation of everybody. The complex organization of experts and volunteers necessary to cope with atomic disaster embraces Evacuation and Air Raid Warning, Communications, Auxiliary Police and Auxiliary Fire.

STATISTICS

Employees	3
Expenditures	$17,827.00
(part of this is subject to 50% reimbursement from the Federal Matching Fund Program)	

HIGHLIGHTS

Compiled, printed, and distributed 40,000 copies of an "Evacuation Plan" pamphlet.

Distributed 20,000 Federal Civil Defense Administration cards.

Incorporated three additional Air Raid Warning whistles.

Mobile Control Center added to Communication Division.



Edmund M. Burke, *Director of Civil Defense*



CLERK of COMMITTEES

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The planning and preparation of meetings of committees of the City Council is the work of the Clerk of Committees. He is in attendance at all meetings of the City Council and acts as messenger during such meetings and also at any meetings of great importance in connection with City affairs.

HIGHLIGHTS

Acted as liaison between group insurance and City employees.

Coordinated City employees' contributions to Social Agency fund raising campaigns.

Over 60 committee meetings were held during 1956 and these included meetings on Finance, Ordinances, Public Safety, Roads and Bridges, Claims, Housing Projects, Civil Service ratings, and Building Program.

STATISTICS

Employees	1
Expenditures	$5,727.00



Forrest L. Gould, *Clerk of Committees*



ELECTION COMMISSION

MUNICIPAL BLDG., 362 GREEN ST. TR 6-9828

The Board of Election Commissioners is composed of two Democrats and two Republicans, appointed by the City Manager from nominations submitted by Ward and City Committees, for a term of four years. Under the direction of this Commission, the annual police listing of all persons of twenty years of age or over takes place. It also supervises all elections and the selection of jurors to serve in the County courts.

ELECTION COMMISSION

N. Russell Cazmay, Chairman
Thomas J. Hartnett, Secretary
Alice E. McCarthy, Commissioner
Constance R. Milton, Commissioner

Commission meets every Thursday morning.

HIGHLIGHTS

In the 1956 Presidential election, 88% of the registered voters cast ballots.

Absentee ballots totaled 1,937.

Police listing showed an increase of 557 names.



Thomas J. Hartnett, *Commissioner and Secretary*

STATISTICS

Registered voters	56,800
Votes cast	50,855
Employees	4 full time
	6 part time
Expenditures	$59,449.00

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

489 BROADWAY TR 6-0125

There are four divisions through which the Electrical Department functions: Street Lighting and Traffic Maintenance; Fire Alarm and Police Signal System; Fire Radio System; and Electrical Repairs in Municipal Buildings.

HIGHLIGHTS

Installed additional lights throughout the City to make a city-wide total of 3,455 street lights with an output of 21,131,500 lumens.

Installed new traffic signals as needed.

Replaced various main fire cables.

Continued placing overhead-fire-wiring underground.

Performed electrical work as required in City installations.

STATISTICS

Employees	24
Expenditures	$291,049.00
Receipts	$866.00



Vincent L. Moynihan, *City Electrician*
(d. March 12, 1957)

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



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The Engineering Department is a service department which makes and maintains surveys and records of the physical aspects of the City. About 17,500 of these plans are on file and available to the general public. City Departments obtain data necessary for their operations from the Engineers. The Public Works Department requires information on street lines, grades, sewer measurements, profiles, photographs, and assessments. Similar information is given to the Water, Law, Recreation, and Assessors Departments.

HIGHLIGHTS

General sewer map completed after extensive study.

Approximately 2,700 persons applied for various types of information.

The City Photographer supplied approximately 600 photographic negatives.

STATISTICS

Employees	6
Expenditures	$33,443.00
Surveys made	102
Lines given	162
Grades given	229
Plans and profiles prepared	94
Assessments prepared	62
As of December 31, 1956:	
Accepted streets	116.7 miles
Unaccepted streets	13.5 miles
Sewers	203.8 miles



Edward F. Smith, *City Engineer*

EXECUTIVE - REMODELING RECONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

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This Department, set up by the City Manager, up to 1956 was supported by a loan approval by the emergency finance authority for the purpose of rehabilitating the various municipally owned buildings. Beginning with 1956, costs of this Department were charged to current operations. The operation of this activity, under the direction of the City Manager, was started with a survey of Public Buildings by the Director. The actual mechanical work is performed by the personnel of the Public Works Department Maintenance Division when possible. Otherwise, drawings and specifications are formulated by the Director and are submitted to the Purchasing Agent for advertising. Bids are received and contracts are let out to private contractors for work which is supervised by the Director.

HIGHLIGHTS

1952 – 1956

Converted from coal to oil in 6 schools and 5 fire stations.

Painted the interiors of 10 schools. This represents more than 2½ million sq. ft. of surface washed and painted 2 coats.

Converted from incandescent to fluorescent fixtures thereby stepping up the existing 8 to 10 foot candle power to 37 foot candle power in 10 schools, 6 City Hall departments, the Main Library and 4 Branch Libraries.

Repaired, and in some cases replaced, tar and gravel roofs on Rindge Technical High School and 18 other municipal buildings.

Reconditioned various heating systems in public buildings.

Performed painting, general repairs, conversion of rooms, carpentry, plumbing at City Hospital, Infirmary, and other City buildings.



John A. DeLoria
Director of Remodeling

STATISTICS

Employees	2
Expenditures	$1,428,000.00
(over a nine year period)	



FIRE DEPARTMENT

491 BROADWAY TR 6-0125

The Fire Department is the only City Department fully equipped to cope with any catastrophe. It is organized into 9 Engine Companies, 4 Ladder Companies, 1 Rescue Company, 1 High Pressure Fog Unit, and 2 Lighting Plants. In addition to the regular routine of answering fire alarms twenty-four hours a day, the Department is constantly in demand for rescue work.

HIGHLIGHTS

Continuing attention was given to activities whose objective was the prevention of fires. In-service inspections were especially effective in informing many individuals as to correct procedures to follow for the elimination of fire causes. Close to 5,000 dwelling inspections were made in this manner.

A rigorous training program at the Drill School at Fresh Pond and at the respective fire houses was carried on during the year.

A system of inspections and tests of all hydrants was initiated to check operating condition, availability, and to establish the approximate water flow which could be expected from them during their use.

Demonstrations by the members of the Rescue Company in first aid techniques and other life saving equipment were given to the Red Cross, Parent-Teacher Associations, and others.



Henry E. Kilfoyle
Chief of the Fire Department

STATISTICS	
Bell and still alarms	2,711
Inspections	10,595
Fire loss	
Building	$293,437.00
Contents	$147,871.00
Per capita loss	$3.68
Employees	257
Expenditures	$2,778,387.00
Receipts	$1,100.00



FORECLOSED PROPERTY

678 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. TR 6-4942

The Custodian of Foreclosed Property has the care, custody, management, and disposition of all property owned by the City, acquired by virtue of tax lien foreclosure. The foreclosure proceedings are required by law after a grace period of two years from the date of creation of a tax lien for non-payment of real estate tax. The parcels so acquired are available for purchase to the public, except that all sales must be at public auction in accordance with the Statute.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE IN 1956

32 Jay Street
6 Davis Street
225 Hurley Street
Vandine Street (between 14 and 16 Vandine Street)
9 Tremont Street (rear)
Pearl Terrace (strip at end of Terrace abutting rear of 179-183 Brookline Street)
S. S. Allston Street
161-153a Pearl Street
145 Prospect Street
488-490 Franklin Street
Rear 28 Soden Street
Rear 32 Harris Street
32-44 Hayes Street
W. S. Clay Street (3 foot strip between 66 and 68 Clay Street)
S. S. Walden Street (long strip 2 feet rear of 218-224 Walden Street and 20-28 Newell Street)
N. S. Malcolm Road (strip between 28-30 Standish Street and 7 Malcolm Road)
End Grozier Road
11 Hayes Street

STATISTICS

Acquired 1 parcel in 1956
Sold 2 parcels in 1956
18 parcels remained under control of Custodian as of Dec. 31, 1956

Employees	1
Expenditures	$1,550.00



Samuel M. Flaksman
Custodian of Foreclosed Property

NEW BUILDINGS ENHANCE THE BEAUTY OF CAMBRIDGE



HARVARD
Gordon McKay Laboratory



RADCLIFFE
Graduate Center



HARVARD
Allston Burr Lecture Hall



M.I.T.
Kresge Auditorium



HARVARD
Eda Kuhn Loeb Music Library

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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DENTAL & SANITATION DIVISIONS
CITY HALL ANNEX (McCUSKER CENTER)
57 INMAN STREET TR 6-8621



General health conditions in Cambridge are the responsibilities of the Health Department. The Health Department functions through Public Health Nursing, Dental Health, Sanitation, Health Education, Nutrition Services, the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and by close cooperation with Boston College, Harvard University, Cambridge City Hospital, and Mount Auburn Hospital.

HIGHLIGHTS

Time study of Public Health Nursing Services reveals these percentages:

School health service	62%
Communicable diseases	6%
Infant and pre-school service	7%
Home accident calls	3%

Dental Staff performed 4,700 extractions . . . 9,500 fillings.

In addition to inspecting all the public schools and 200 eating places, Sanitarians made 6,500 routine and area inspections and followed up 400 miscellaneous complaints.

The three leading causes of death were found to be Heart with 506 victims, Cancer with 369, and Cerebral Vascular Lesion with 187.

In addition to its regular activities, the Nutrition Service, in cooperation with others, developed a Diet Manual to be used by Cambridge hospitals.

ADVISORY BOARD
Dr. John A. Redmond, Chairman
Dr. John A. MacKillop
William T. Hickey

Board meets first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 P.M.



Leon Sternfeld, M.D., M.P.H.,
Health Commissioner

DEATHS FOR 5 YEAR PERIOD (CRUDE)

Age Group	Under 1	Under 10	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
1952	83	14	5	9	34	97	227	281	418	292
1953	70	11	6	14	29	100	185	308	405	195
1954	63	9	3	11	26	87	185	319	399	313
1955	79	9	10	17	30	80	207	335	445	351
1956	73	16	5	8	30	80	188	374	421	335
Totals	368	59	29	59	149	444	992	1617	2088	1486

STATISTICS

Employees	33 full time
	35 part time
*Expenditures	$239,244.00
*Receipts	$2,239.00

*does not include TB Sanatorium

HOSPITAL

1493 CAMBRIDGE ST. EL 4-2020

The major proportion of medical facilities operated by the City is concentrated in the Cambridge City Hospital. The Hospital authorities, imbued with a sense of satisfaction in furnishing medical care of superior quality, are hopeful that they will approach their objectives of attaining a position in the forefront of metropolitan hospitals. The day to day functioning of the Hospital and the advances made during the year resulted from the unselfish attention and attitude of the Medical, Surgical, Nursing, Laboratory, Housekeeping, and Administrative Staffs. Grateful recognition is also given to the work accomplished by the Friends of the Hospital, the Volunteers, and the Visiting Staff.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Surgical Service was approved for a full four-year residency training program by the American Medical Association.

A residency program for Pediatrics was developed.

The School of Nursing graduated 19 students in October.

Homecoming Day was observed during National Hospital Week for alumni of the Medical Education Program.

The construction of a new electrical sub-station was completed.

The first issue of the *Journal of Medical Staff* was published in May.

TRUSTEES

John F. Kelley, Chairman
John J. Balfe
(appointed March 1956)
George A. Macomber
(resigned Jan. 1956)
James F. Mahan
Joseph M. Murphy

STATISTICS

Total admissions — 8,217
Total days care — 75,370
Daily average of all patients — 206
Patients treated in Accident Room — 17,086
Patients treated in Out-patient Dept. — 8,682
Patients treated in X-ray Dept. — 19,168
Total number of operations — 4,710
Overall per diem cost — $23.04
Employees — 431 full time
71 part time
Expenditures — $1,768,850.00
Receipts — $876,336.00



James F. Collins, M.D.,
Medical Director

Trustees meet second Monday of the Month in the Trustees' Room, Cahill House, at 8:00 P.M.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

678 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. UN 4-3020

The Housing Authority is the local administrative agency for Federal and State Housing Programs. The Authority is made up of a Board of five members serving five year terms; four members appointed by the City Manager subject to City Council approval and the fifth appointed by the State Housing Board.

STATISTICS
Employees — 71

BOARD ADMINISTERS:

Type of Project	Name	Address	No. of Units	Date of Occup.
PWA '35	New Towne Ct.,	Windsor & Main Sts.	294	Jan. '38
F.A. '37	Washington Elms,	Windsor & Harvard Sts.	324	Apr. '42
S.A. 200	Woodrow Wilson Court,	Magazine St.	69	June '49
S.A. 200	Jefferson Park,	Rindge Ave.	109	Aug. '50
S.A. 200	Lincoln Way,	Walden Street	60	Oct. '50
S.A. 200	Roosevelt Towers,	Cambridge St.	228	Nov. '50
S.A. 200	Jackson Gardens,	Harvard & Prospect Sts.	46	Aug. '51
S.A. 200	Jefferson Park Extension,	Rindge Ave.	200	June '52
F.A. '49	John Corcoran Park,	Thingvalla Ave.	152	Aug. '53
F.A. '49	General Putnam Gardens,	Putnam Ave.	123	Sept. '54



Daniel F. Burns, *Executive Director*

HIGHLIGHTS

In December the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency authorized the execution of a Loan and Grant Contract for the Rogers Project.

BOARD MEMBERS
Harold Gillingham, Chairman
John J. Hagerty, Vice-Chairman
(term expired Oct. 22, 1956)
Aldrich Durant
(resigned Oct. 29, 1956)
John Gargano
William M. Hogan, Jr.
(appointed Oct. 29, 1956)
Walter L. Reed
(appointed Oct. 29, 1956)
Frank H. Townsend

Board meets second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M.



INFIRMARY

650 CONCORD AVE. TR 6-5370

The Cambridge City Infirmary, on the north shore of Fresh Pond along Concord Avenue, is a division of the Department of Public Welfare. The transition of the City Infirmary from its former role in community service is a slow process but progress was made in 1956 toward the goal of making it an acceptable facility — without stigma — for the ever increasing problem of caring for the aged and infirm of the community.

HIGHLIGHTS

Social and fraternal organizations and individuals continued to display a keen interest in the welfare and general morale of the Infirmary residents by providing entertainment and gifts at various times during the year.

Receipts for care of residents reached an all time high due to Social Security and other forms of pensions.

STATISTICS

Daily average number of residents	110
Employees	31
Expenditures	$144,249.00
Receipts	$101,070.00

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Edward T. Sullivan
Chairman
Americus J. D'Agostino
Vice Chairman
Joseph O'Gorman
Margaret Roethlisberger



William C. Conway, *Superintendent*

Board meets at City Infirmary on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M.

CAMBRIDGE CITY GOVERNMENT

RESPONSIBILITY VESTED IN ELECTED OFFICIALS

APPOINTED BOARD

SALARIED DEPT. HEAD

VOTERS OF CAMBRIDGE

Legislative

COUNCIL - MAYOR

CITY CLERK

CLERK OF COMMITTEES

ELECTION COMMISSION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CITY MANAGER

Administration & Finance

AUDITOR

ASSESSORS

TREASURER

BUDGET PERSONNEL

PURCHASING

FORECLOSED PROPERTY

LAW

Recreation & Education

RECREATION

LIBRARY

CIVIC UNITY COMMITTEE

SCHOOLS

Health & Welfare

HEALTH

SANATORIUM

HOSPITAL

INFIRMARY

WELFARE

PHYSICIAN

RETIREMENT

VETERANS' SERVICES

VETERANS' BENEFITS

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Physical Maintenance & Development

ENGINEER

WATER

PUBLIC WORKS

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE REMODELING

TRAFFIC BOARD

HOUSING AUTHORITY

PLANNING

URBAN RENEWAL

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Protection of Persons and Property

FIRE

POLICE

CIVIL DEFENSE

BUILDING

BOARD OF APPEAL

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

MISSIONARY

LICENSE COMMISSION

ELECTRICAL

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

FENCE VIEWERS

POLE & CONDUIT COMMISSION

BOARD OF SURVEY



LAW DEPARTMENT

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The City Solicitor, appointed by the City Manager, acts as legal advisor to the City Council, the Mayor, the School Committee, the City Manager, and Department Heads who wish legal opinion on any subject pertaining to their duties. In addition, the Law Department represents the City before the courts and boards of the County and State, represents the interests of the City at hearings of the General Court, and prepares proposed legislation of interest to the City.

STATISTICS

Employees	2 full time
	3 part time
Expenditures	$28,614.00



Richard D. Gerould, *City Solicitor*

HIGHLIGHTS

The Solicitor collected $21,000.00 as reimbursement to the City for damages to City property and as recoveries from Old Age Assistance and Welfare. During the same year, the City Solicitor recovered $12,000.00 in overdue City Hospital bills.

Of 111 written legal opinions, 42 were rendered to the City Council, the Manager, and Department Heads; 69 concerned pensions, annuities, and personnel matters.

LIBRARY

449 BROADWAY TR 6-5005

The Public Library lends free to anyone living in Cambridge books, magazines, and records for recreation, study, hobbies, domestic assistance, and fine and practical arts. The needs and interests of every age group can be met by the excellent selection of books in the Central Library or in any of its Branches. A strong program of new purchases, binding, and replacement of important older material has kept the Library in the forefront of comparable leading public libraries.

HIGHLIGHTS

A new branch library was opened in North Cambridge.

Book service to shut-ins was increased during the year by 50%.

Four free travel lectures were held under the auspices of the Dowse Institute.

Music Room was redecorated and equipped with new hi-fi machines.

New shelving was installed for open stack collection.

STATISTICS

Books added	16,000
Books discarded	15,000
Total No. of volumes	183,000
Total circulation	487,000
Total No. of borrowers	28,400
Employees	37 full time
	20 part time
Expenditures	$186,557.00
Receipts	$4,552.00

TRUSTEES

Robert H. Haynes, Chairman
Mrs. Charles F. Hurley, Sec'y
John F. Ferrick, Treasurer
Miss Alma Boudreau
Mrs. Julia T. Boyle
Lawrence F. Feloney



Philip H. Dolan, *Librarian*

Trustees meet second Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M.



LICENSE COMMISSION

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The License Commission which consists of three members (a chairman, Chief of Police, and Chief of Fire) holds hearings on applications for licenses. The Commission issues licenses for many different kinds of businesses. The licenses which it does not issue are marriage, hunting, fishing, and dog (City Clerk); entertainment and Lord's Day (Mayor's office); elevator operators (Building Department); and construction tradesmen (Board of Examiners).

STATISTICS

Employees	2
Expenditures	$8,098.00
Receipts	$232,913.00

HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 33 different types of licenses issued, the following were the ten leading:

- Driver
- Garage and Gasoline
- Common Victualer
- Lodging House
- Amusement Machines
- Carriage
- Liquor
- Driver's Badge
- Lord's Day
- Open Air Parking



John E. Quinn, *Chairman*

COMMISSION

John E. Quinn, Chairman
Patrick F. Ready, Police Chief
Henry E. Kilfoyle, Fire Chief

Commission meets every Tuesday at 2:00 P.M.

MODERN TRENDS IN MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION



M. E. Fitzgerald School



North Cambridge Branch Library

BOARD OF SURVEY

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TR 6-6800



The City Engineer, the Fire Chief, and a contractor (Mr. Samuel Nissenbaum) are members of this Board and are responsible for condemning buildings throughout the City as fire hazards and health menaces.

FENCE VIEWERS

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TR 6-6800



The City Engineer and the Building Inspector have the responsibility of inspecting fences for height, location, and condition.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

MR. FRANK TOWNSEND
500 MEMORIAL DRIVE, TR 6-4100



Appointed by the City Manager, the Commission is comprised of three members whose chief function is to promote the industrial development of the City.

INSPECTOR of ANIMALS

JOHN J. MURPHY JR., D.V.M.
2218 MASS. AVE., KI 7-1033



One of the health protective agencies in the City is the Inspector of Animals, who expended $2550.00 in 1956. During the year 587 persons were bitten by animals but there were no cases of rabies.

MISSIONARY

5 WESTERN AVE. TR 6-9800



The City Missionary is paid $600.00 per year from the income of the Sanders Temperance Fund to do social work with a view to inculcating temperance in the prisoners at the City Jail confined for drunkenness. John F. Cawley attended sessions of the Third District Court and visited the Station House. He offered recommendations to the Court Police and Probation Office and spoke kind and encouraging words in the cause of temperance to 108 females and 1,841 males.

PHYSICIAN

CITY HALL ANNEX (McCUSKER CENTER)
57 INMAN STREET TR 6-8621



City Physician Patrick J. Fleming and his two assistants give twenty-four hour service to those on relief in need of medical service as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition to their services to the indigent, the City Physicians perform other duties which include police calls, court matters, retirement examinations, and commitments to mental hospitals.

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION

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TR 6-6800



This Commission with expenditures of $45.35 and receipts of $335.00 had two full time and two part time employees and was comprised of a Chairman and two Commissioners. It approves conduit plans for utility companies and keeps on file a copy of all locations with the approved plan.

TRAFFIC BOARD

MUNICIPAL BLDG. 5 WESTERN AVE. TR 6-9800



This Board is composed of heads of City Departments (Police, Fire, Public Works, Planning, Electrical, and Engineering) whose duty is to investigate and make recommendations to the City Manager and City Council on Council orders, or any other matter, pertaining to traffic.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

CITY HALL ANNEX (McCUSKER CENTER)
57 INMAN STREET TR 6-8621

The city planning job for Cambridge involves the reorganization of an old city's transportation, land use and community facilities on a modern metropolitan pattern. The challenge is to protect the assets of the City and to provide for its shortcomings, with an eye to present and future standards for living, working, and leisure.

BOARD MEMBERS

Jose L. Sert, Chairman
Joseph Guiney, Vice-Chairman
Henry M. Altman
Paul G. Feloney
Simon Kirshen
Dominic J. Percoco
John M. Woolsey



Mark Fortune, *Planning Director*

HIGHLIGHTS

Prepared two major reports: The Workable Program for Urban Renewal and Related Documents. Massachusetts and Federal Urban Renewal-Redevelopment Legislation.

Prepared preliminary draft of revisions to Zoning Ordinance.

Prepared maps of expressway proposals in Cambridge and kept in touch with expressway studies of the State Department of Public Works.

Drew plan for parking lot in Kendall Square.

Revised for publication *Schematic Plan for Future Cambridge.*

STATISTICS

Employees	6 full time
	3 part time
Expenditures	$21,525.00

Board meets every other Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.

NEW MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION



War Memorial



Granite Street School
Gymnasium



War Memorial
Swimming Pools



Granite Street School
Recreation Area

POLICE DEPARTMENT



MUNICIPAL BLDG. 5 WESTERN AVE. TR 6-9800

The work of the Cambridge Police Department involves many things. Among these are the enforcing of traffic rules and regulations, protecting persons, protecting property, and protecting the City against violators of the law. To carry out this work the Police Department is organized into the following divisions: Central Station, Police Matron, Traffic Bureau, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and Crime Prevention Bureau. The Bureau of Criminal Investigation functions through its Motor Vehicle Division, Bureau of Identification, Pawn Division, and Claims Division. The Crime Prevention Bureau functions through its Juvenile, Special Services, and Domestic Relations Sections.

HIGHLIGHTS

Employees
241
Expenditures
$1,270,765.00
Receipts
$55,931.00

A.A.A. special citation for "accident record" among cities with 100,000-200,000 population for year 1955.

Of 450 vehicles stolen in Cambridge, all but 2 were recovered.

Fingerprints taken for U.S. Defense Security numbered 3,252.



Patrick F. Ready, *Chief of Police*

STATISTICS

CENTRAL STATION	
Arrests	2,995
POLICE MATRON	
Cases	217
TRAFFIC BUREAU	
Non-criminal parking summons	69,644
Criminal summons and arrests	3,233
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	
Investigations	1,860
Estimated value of money and property recovered (exclusive of motor vehicles)	$51,850.00
Arrests	288
CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU	
Juvenile and Special Services Investigations	800
Persons brought before court	296
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	
Cases	1,371

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

147 HAMPSHIRE ST. TR 6-6800

The Public Works Department in its everyday role as city housekeeper affects the lives of every man, woman, and child in the City. The Department functions through the combined work of these important divisions: Streets, Bridges, Cemetery, Sewers, Parks, Forestry, Building Maintenance, Building Operation, Sanitary, Shops and Garages, Administration, Snow, and Greenhouse.

HIGHLIGHTS

Program of modernization of equipment was continued.

In addition to 1,403 street signs, traffic signs, and silhouettes, 1,042 Look, Slo, and School Cross walks were painted.

Cross walks and Look on all squares and main streets were painted twice each year by night crew.

92,600 square yards of streets were re-surfaced.

The Cemetery set out 3,100 yards of loam, 2,600 lbs. of grass seed, 2,500 plants and 3,500 bulbs.

The City sewer system was subject to constant inspection, observation, rodding, flushing, and cleaning.

The Forestry and Park Division removed 240 trees, planted 213 street tree replacements, and sprayed all trees. This division also planted 16,000 tulips and 24,000 annuals throughout the City.

5,900 tons of material were incinerated and 113,000 tons of material were disposed of in the City dump.

STATISTICS

Employees	505
Expenditures	$2,427,757.00
Receipts	$95,180.00



Ralph J. Dunphy, *Commissioner*



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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The buying agent for all City purchases and services, is the Purchasing Department. Centralized purchasing of this nature means economical procurement of materials. The policies of purchasing on a competitive basis, placing as many items as possible on contract, anticipating needs, and long range buying, have resulted in substantial savings. The revolving fund has enabled the Department to make bulk purchases of general service and supply items and hold such items until funds are available from the requisitioning departments. The maintenance and operation of the Printing Division is a collateral duty of the Purchasing Department. Approximately 95% of the City's printing is now processed in this division.

STATISTICS

Employees	12
Expenditures	$48,850.00

HIGHLIGHTS

During the year 280 formal contracts were processed. The number of purchase orders processed was 17,500. The size of the revolving fund was $70,000.00



John H. Corcoran, *Purchasing Agent*

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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A public recreation program geared to the demands of the entire population from youngsters to oldsters is the objective of the Recreation Department. The recreation program is carried out through Play Areas, Indoor Community Centers, Music and Drama Classes, Teen-age Weekly Socials, Band Concerts, Program for Senior Citizens, Swimming and Wading Pools, Softball, Basketball, Baseball, Little League Athletics, and Golf Course.

HIGHLIGHTS

Movie sound projector with screen was purchased.

New bleachers and press box were erected at Russell Field.

New sprinkler and hot top area were installed at St. Peter's Field.

Tennis courts and skating rink were built at Rindge Field.

Close cooperation with School, Neighborhood, and Veterans Organizations.

COMMISSION

Lloyd H. Magbie
Chairman
Edward H. Donovan
Charles R. Ecker
A. Paul Flynn
Pat Macaro
James F. Whalen

Commission meets second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M.



William J. Cleary, *Acting Superintendent of Recreation*

STATISTICS

Employees	42 full time
	50 part time
Expenditures	$240,480.00
Receipts	$23,850.00

NEW RELIGIOUS



St. Peter's Convent



Blessed Sacrament Convent

CONSTRUCTION



Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-Day Saints



M.I.T. Chapel



RETIREMENT DEPARTMENT

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In 1932, new state legislation was enacted which was called the 4% system and in 1939 the amount was increased to 5% so that now all permanent city employees must pay 5% of their salaries as a contribution to the pension system. All pensions since 1932 have been administered separately under the Cambridge Retirement System which is supervised by a three member Board. The Board is comprised of the City Auditor, who is a member by virtue of his office, one member appointed by the City Manager for a three year term and one elected by the members of the Retirement System for a three year term.

STATISTICS

Persons retired in 1956	21
Active members of System	1,748
Retired members of System (including dependents)	233
Employees	3 full time
	1 part time
Expenditures	$14,858.00



John J. Dynan
Executive Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS

Legislation enacted in 1956:

Chapter 525. Establishes contractual rights, and obligations for members of the Contributory Retirement System. Provides that no amendments or alterations shall be made that will deprive any member of his pension rights or benefits.

Chapter 415. Increased the retirement allowances for certain retired members who were not included in the group granted increases under Chapter 670 of 1955.

Chapter 422. Enlarged the general powers and duties of Contributary Retirement Boards and the Contributary Appeal Board.

BOARD

Philip Eiseman, Chairman
George W. Mickle, Secretary
Martin F. Nolan, City Auditor

Board meets monthly as needed.

SANATORIUM

799 CONCORD AVE. TR 6-5160

The Cambridge Sanatorium, a division of the Health Department, completed forty-eight years of service in 1956. Its services include the hospitalization and care of pulmonary tuberculosis cases, the education of patients, and research activities. The organization report of the Department includes Operating Room, X-ray Department, Clinical Laboratory, Out-patient Department, and Extramural Clinic.

HIGHLIGHTS

Conducted Chronic Chest Diseases Course for Tufts Medical School junior class.

Conducted Physical Diagnosis Relative to the Chest Course for junior class of Harvard Medical School.

Original research work performed in the Sanatorium to be reported at the annual meeting of the National Tuberculosis Association as the result of an invitation from the Association.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year	Gross Operating Cost	Receipts	Net Cost	Average Number of Patients	Gross Cost per Bed Day	Gross Cost per Patient Day	Net Cost per Bed Day	Net Cost per Patient Day
1955	$337,963.	$115,558.	$222,404.	76	$9.25	$12.17	$6.09	$8.01
1956	$330,600.	$114,062.	$216,538.	71	$9.05	$13.01	$5.93	$8.52

STATISTICS

Daily average no. of patients ..71
Admissions 269
Discharges 263
Operations 365
Patients X-rayed 4,324
X-rays (Extramural Clinic) 1,164
Number on Out-patient Department register 601
Number of in-patient days (out of a possible maximum of 36,500) 25,406
Employees 84 full time
2 part time
Expenditures$330,600.00
Receipts$114,062.00



Rudolf Kurzmann, M.D.,
Medical Director

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

HIGH & LATIN
Trowbridge St.

RINDGE TECHNICAL
Irving St.

AGASSIZ
28 Sacramento St.

WILLARD
16 Lawrence St.



Edward J. Sullivan, Mayor

M. E. FITZGERALD
Rindge Ave.

WELLINGTON
350 Columbia St.



James F. Fitzgerald



Anthony Galluccio

FLETCHER
89 Elm St.

WEBSTER
15 Upton St.

GANNETT
32 Jefferson St.

VOCATIONAL (Boys)
Rindge Tech.

HAGGERTY
110 Cushing St.

VOCATIONAL (Girls)
25 Lowell St.



Joseph E. Maynard



Mrs. Catherine Ogden

HOUGHTON
120 Putnam Ave.

THORNDIKE
158 Spring St.

KELLEY
48 Willow St.

RUSSELL
115 Larch Rd.



Judson T. Shaplin



John B. Sullivan

ABRAHAM LINCOLN
35 Walden St.

ROBERTS
225 Windsor St.

LONGFELLOW
359 Broadway

PUTNAM
86 Otis St.

MORSE
110 Allston St.

PEABODY
44 Linnaean St.

Committee meets first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M.



SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

1700 CAMBRIDGE ST. TR 6-4500

Through its classrooms, playgrounds, and clinics, where skilled and devoted men and women are employing the best modern equipment and methods to provide Cambridge children with opportunities for education, self-realization, civic responsibility, economic efficiency, and for good human relatonships, the Cambridge School System fulfills its role in the community. Today's schools include 18 kindergartens, 3 primary schools, 15 elementary schools, 2 high schools, and 2 vocational schools. The School System also has an extensive program of adult education.

HIGHLIGHTS

M. E. Fitzgerald School was opened.

Granite Street School under construction — will open in 1957.

STATISTICS

Total No. of pupils in School System	10,292
No. of pupils in:	
High and Latin	1,794
Rindge Technical	872
Kindergartens	1,065
Primary (Grades 1-3)	2,713
Elementary (Grades 4-8)	3,722
Vocational Schools	126
Employees	647 full time
	45 part time
Expenditures	$3,801,757.06
Receipts	$347,231.40



John M. Tobin, *Superintendent*

SEALER of WEIGHTS and MEASURES

MUNICIPAL BLDG., 362 GREEN ST. TR 6-6800

The Sealer of Weights and Measures makes thousands of tests in a year to protect both the seller and the buyer. The inspection of weighing machines not only guarantees to the public proper weight, but also guarantees to the vendor that he is delivering the proper amount and assures him against loss in the event the scales indicate he is delivering excess amounts.

STATISTICS

No. of tests made	6,819
No. of trial weighings and inspections	2,566
Employees	3
Expenditures	$16,023.00
Receipts	$8,202.00

HIGHLIGHTS

Tested various types of scales for accuracy.

Calibrated gasoline and oil meters.

Tested and adjusted taxi meters.

Trial weighings and inspections made for fuel oil, meats and package goods.



Anders T. Anderson, *Sealer of Weights and Measures*



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

CITY HALL · 795 MASS. AVE. · TR 6-6800

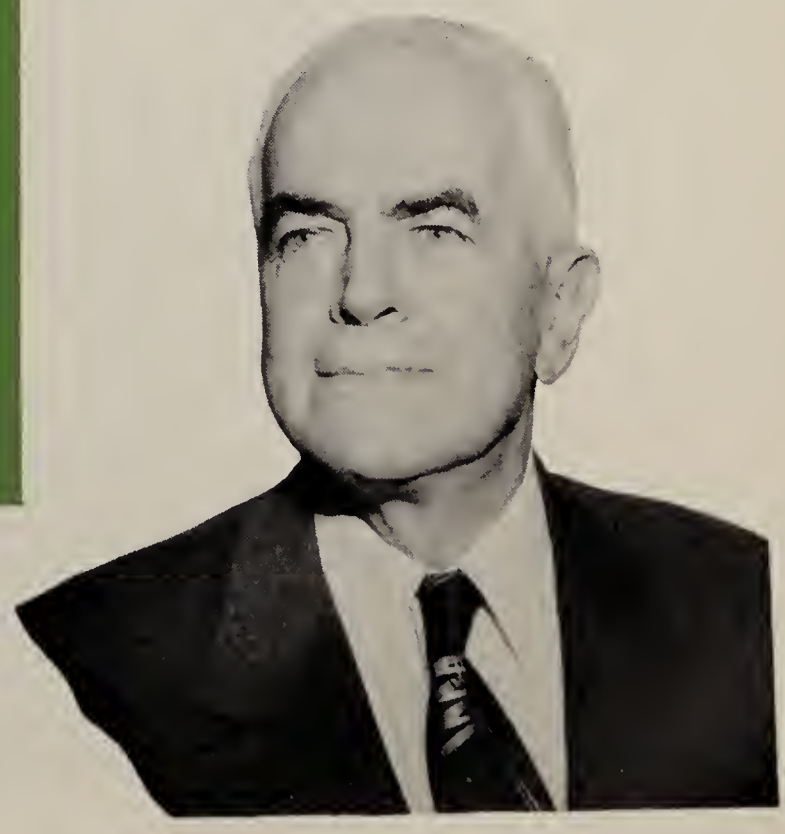
In Cambridge the duties of the City Treasurer and the Collector of Taxes are combined in one official. Thus his office is charged not only with the caring of all City securities, funds, and monies, and the recording of transfers of outstanding Municipal Bonds but also of the collection of all taxes and of accounts receivable of the City. In addition to this, all borrowing of funds by the City is done through the Treasurer. Furthermore, all payments made by the City pass through his office.

HIGHLIGHTS

1956 Tax Collection	
Real Estate	$11,000,000.00
Personal Property	$1,175,000.00
Percentage of Tax Collection	
Real Estate	97.4%
Personal Property	98.5%
Carryover to be collected in 1957	$300,000.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	$750,000.00
Water Department Collections	$1,000,000.00
Income, Corporations, and Meal Taxes	$1,650,000.00
Federal and State Grants for Welfare	$1,600,000.00
Debt Retired	$834,000.00
Funded Debt (December 31, 1956)	$7,434,000.00

STATISTICS

Employees	29
Expenditures	$117,095.00



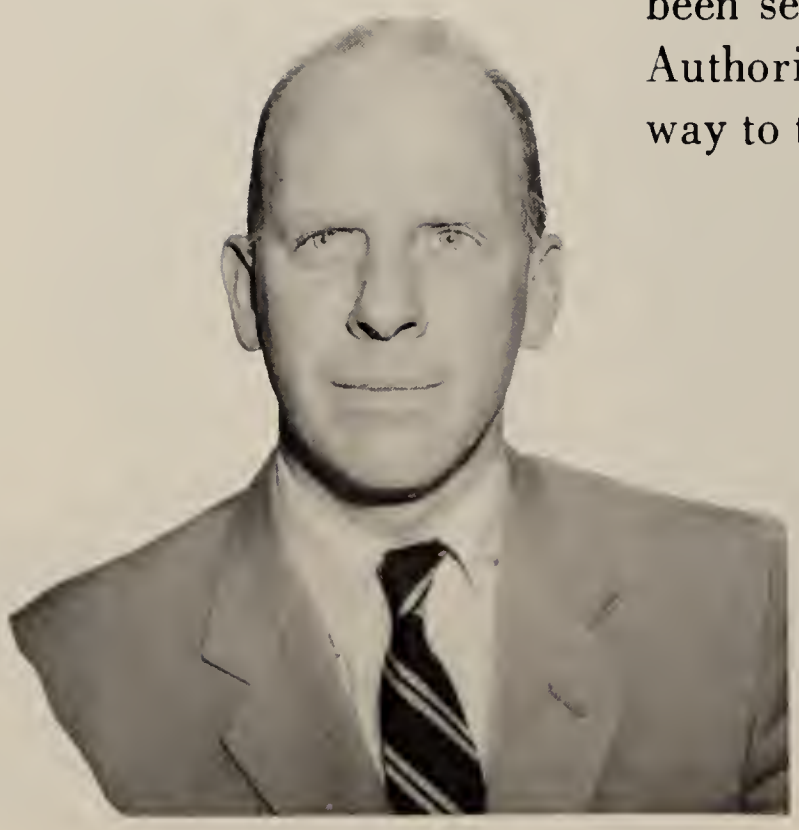
Frederick J. Reardon, *Treasurer*

U R B A N
R E N E W A L
PROGRAM



CITY HALL ANNEX (McCUSKER CENTER)
57 INMAN STREET TR 6-8621

On May 1, 1956 the City Manager appointed Draveaux Bender as Urban Renewal Administrator whose principal task was to help in organizing the overall Renewal Program. Shortly thereafter, the Citizens' Advisory Committee (see page 15) was created by the Mayor and the City Council. The Administrator attends meetings of this Committee and assists in liaison between it and the City government. In September the City's Renewal Program was recertified on the basis of renewal accomplishments during the previous year. Early in November the members of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, under the chairmanship of Paul Corcoran, were appointed by the City Manager and on November 20th the official State charter of the Authority was issued. The establishment of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority was necessary to carry out the vital clearance and redevelopment aspects of the Urban Renewal Program. The stimulus for the Renewal Program came from the Federal Government grant of two dollars to every dollar spent by the City on redevelopment projects. Since November 20th, the Urban Renewal Administrator has been serving as Acting Director for the Redevelopment Authority in organizational work and in preparing the way to take over the Rogers Project.



Draveaux Bender, *Urban Renewal Administrator*



VETERANS' BENEFITS DEPARTMENT

CITY HALL ANNEX (McCUSKER CENTER)
57 INMAN STREET **TR 6-8621**

The Department of Veterans' Benefits administers the funds appropriated by the City and State to care for the needy veteran and his dependents. Under Massachusetts laws, soldiers or their dependents of all wars of the United States, when in need of help, may receive it by applying to the Veterans' Benefits Department.

HIGHLIGHTS

Benefits rendered to over 620 separate cases during 1956 involving more than 1500 persons.

STATISTICS

Employees	4
Expenditures	$315,928.00
Receipts	$106,290.35



Walter J. Sullivan, *Agent*



VETERANS' SERVICE DEPARTMENT

CITY HALL ANNEX (McCUSKER CENTER)
57 INMAN STREET TR 6-8621

The established policy of the Veterans' Service Department is that of assisting the veteran and his dependents. This assistance is generally needed in procuring state bonuses, photostats of important papers and records, housing, financial aid, pensions, hospitalization, burials, free notarization, service records, and statistical information. The Department also acts as liaison between local Veterans Organizations and the City of Cambridge, arranges the observance of Memorial Day, administers appropriations for and inspects Veterans' headquarters.

STATISTICS

Employees	1
Expenditures	$19,805.00

HIGHLIGHTS

During 1956, the Department had contacts with 3,750 veterans or veterans' dependents for assistance in procuring benefits under Federal, State, and City statutes.



James F. J. Hughes, *Director*



WELFARE DEPARTMENT

CITY HALL ANNEX (McCUSKER CENTER)
57 INMAN STREET TR 6-8621

The Board of Public Welfare is responsible for the expenditure of welfare funds provided in the City budget; of which 75% is realized from reimbursements. These funds are expended through the following channels: General Relief, Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Aid to Persons Permanently and Totally Disabled.

HIGHLIGHTS

During the year 3,739 cases were processed by the Welfare Department. Of these cases, 561 were General Relief, 2,320 were Old Age Assistance, 461 were Aid to Dependent Children, and 397 were Aid to Persons Permanently and Totally Disabled.

The following legislation was enacted in 1956:

Chapter 40 provided suitable markers for graves of certain poor persons.

Chapter 156 transferred to District Courts jurisdiction to enforce liability for certain kindred to support poor persons.

Chapter 466 provided housing for certain elderly people.

Chapter 696 established minimum weekly rates for elderly persons in nursing or convalescent homes.

STATISTICS

Employees	44
Expenditures	$3,368,756.00
Receipts	$2,568,838.13
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$1,288,282.56
Federal Grants	$1,180,591.38
Other cities and towns	$98,532.14
Miscellaneous	$1,432.05

BOARD MEMBERS

Edward T. Sullivan, Chairman
Americus J. D'Agostino, Vice-Chairman
Miss Anna Louise Conway
Joseph O'Gorman
Mrs. Margaret Roethlisberger



James E. Finnegan, *Welfare Agent*

Board meets second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the City Infirmary.

WATER DEPARTMENT

CITY HALL · 795 MASS. AVE. · TR 6-6800

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
250 FRESH POND PARKWAY UN 4-5300

Cambridge owns one of the finest water systems in the Commonwealth. Because of increased demands for water, the Department has a continuous program for extensions, improvements, and necessary maintenance in the water system. The development of the Water Board's plans for modernization has placed the Cambridge Water System at a high level of efficiency

STATISTICS

Total gallons pumped	6,776,490,000
Gallons per capita per day	153
Miles of main pipe	162.5
Employees	116 full time
	1 part time
Expenditures	$972,391.00
Receipts	$974,171.00

HIGHLIGHTS

Contracts for 26,891 ft. of 63-inch conduit cleaned and repaired, and for 14,183 ft. of 42, 36 and 30-inch cast-iron water main cleaned and lined were completed.

1,865 hydrants were inspected and accurately pressure tested.



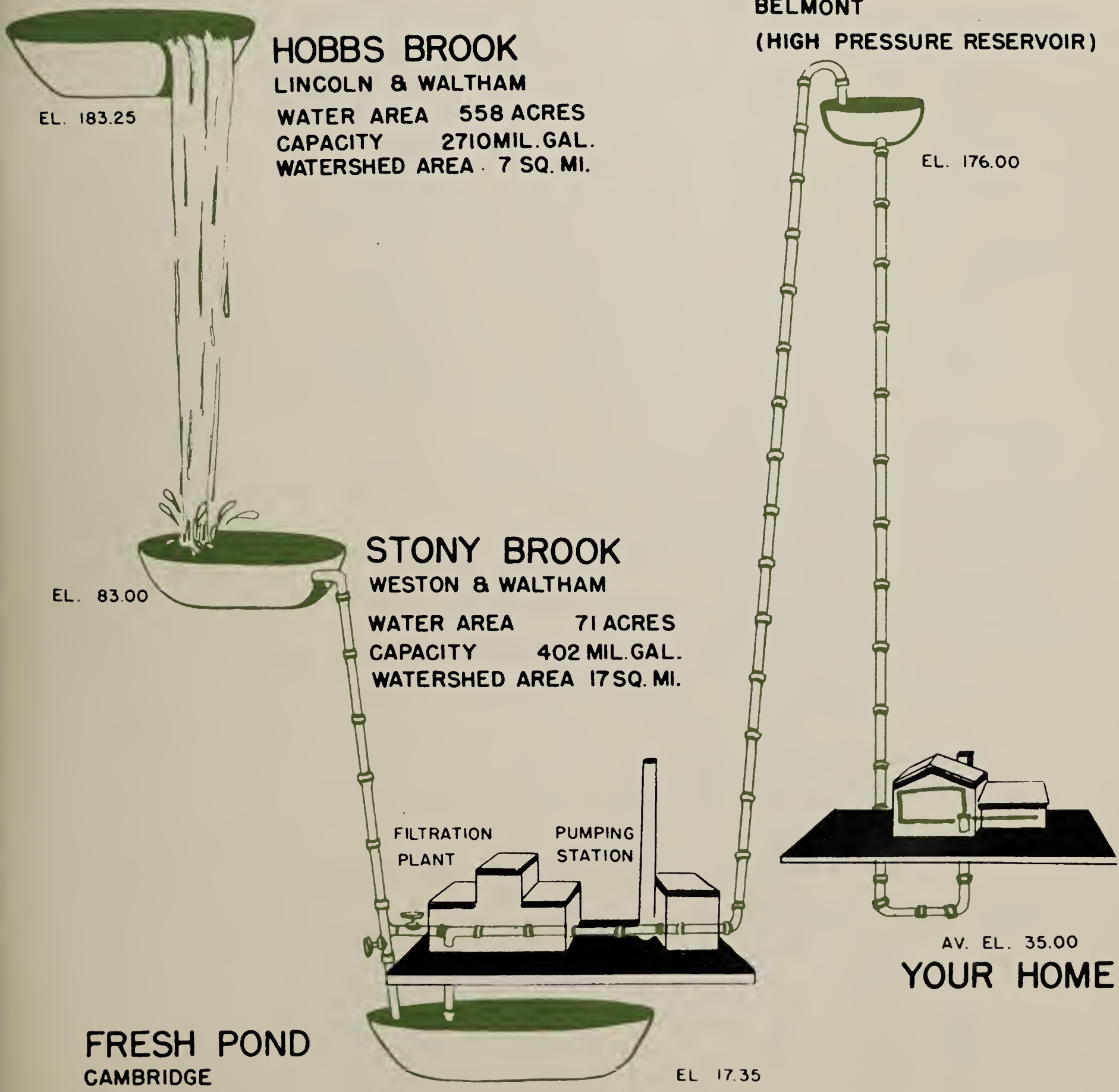
William H. McGinness, *Superintendent*

BOARD MEMBERS

Joseph Fine, Chairman
John J. Doyle
William J. Gaynor, Jr.
Ross E. McKinney
Michael Mahoney

Board meets monthly.

SOURCE of CAMBRIDGE WATER SUPPLY



HOBBS BROOK
LINCOLN & WALTHAM

WATER AREA 558 ACRES
CAPACITY 2710 MIL. GAL.
WATERSHED AREA 7 SQ. MI.

STONY BROOK
WESTON & WALTHAM

WATER AREA 71 ACRES
CAPACITY 402 MIL. GAL.
WATERSHED AREA 17 SQ. MI.

FRESH POND
CAMBRIDGE

WATER AREA 166 ACRES
CAPACITY 43 MIL. GAL.
WATERSHED AREA 1 SQ. MI.

PAYSON PARK
BELMONT

(HIGH PRESSURE RESERVOIR)

YOUR HOME

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE,

Balance Sheet

REVENUE

ASSETS

Cash		$933,431.44
Petty Cash		75.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Real Estate:		
Levy 1955	$ 1,971.42	
Levy 1956	281,601.45	
		283,572.87
Personal Property:		
Levy 1949	61.44	
Levy 1950	1,186.50	
Levy 1953	2,520.54	
Levy 1954	3,225.79	
Levy 1955	7,247.40	
Levy 1956	17,389.54	
		31,631.21
Polls:		
Levy 1948	471.00	
Levy 1949	4.00	
Levy 1954	2,396.00	
Levy 1955	4,328.00	
Levy 1956	7,880.00	
		15,079.00
Assessments:		
Unapportioned Sewer	3,638.55	
Sewer Added to Taxes — 1954	39.27	
Committed Interest, Sewer added — 1954	7.86	
Committed Interest, Sewer added — 1955	26.25	
Sewer Assess. Added to Taxes — 1956	684.81	
Committed Interest, Sewer added — 1956	119.26	
		4,516.00
Unapportioned Sidewalk	2,043.74	
Sidewalk Assess. Added to Taxes — 1956	113.56	
Committed Interest, Sidewalk Added — 1956	29.97	
		2,187.27
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy 1951	112.33	
Levy 1952	1,086.10	
Levy 1953	1,307.46	
Levy 1954	14,154.15	
Levy 1955	20,906.84	
Levy 1956	93,967.96	
		131,534.84
Tax Titles		36,347.10
Tax Possessions		4,128.58
Departmental:		
Treasury	35.00	
Police	4,205.79	
Electrical	3,306.88	

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MASSACHUSETTS

December 31, 1956

ACCOUNTS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Poll Taxes:		
Levy 1951	$ 2.00	
Levy 1953	2.00	
		$ 4.00
Appropriations Balances		484,414.99
Guarantee Deposits:		
Contract Bids	36,150.00	
Evening School Deposits	256.00	
Driveways	425.00	
Street Openings	25.00	
In Lieu of Bonds	12,000.00	
License Commission	106.75	
		48,962.75
Agency:		
City Clerk — Dog Licenses	42.00	
City Clerk — Sporting Licenses	146.00	
Constables' Fees	293.43	
Savings Bonds Deductions	1,264.54	
Withholding Tax	17,322.92	
Unidentified Receipts	931.74	
Continental Casualty Co.	3,797.42	
John Burke (Hospital)	539.25	
Tailings	3,548.52	
		27,885.82
Smith Hughes Fund		50.99
Hopkins Fund		2,732.09
Kinnear Fund		981.95
Bullock Fund		3,716.21
Soldiers' Monument Fund		1,008.53
Harty Fund		4,057.61
Income, Trust Funds:		
School		
Thierry Fund	45.31	
Kingman Fund	200.43	
Freese Fund	51.20	
Hardy Fund	111.42	
Welfare		
Bridge Fund	610.82	
Russell Fund	71.70	
Callanan Fund	161.56	
Rogers Fund	285.03	
Hodge Fund	79.30	
Library		
Harding Fund	7.01	
Citizens Subscription Fund	8.13	
Cummings Fund	16.83	
Fay Fund	8.16	
Saunders Fund	58.19	
Woolson Fund	4.44	
Citizen of Cambridge Fund	14.00	
Whorf Fund	119.19	
Howe Fund	99.02	
Murdock Fund	115.00	
Carrie Saunders Fund	63.74	

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ASSETS

Continued

Health	$126,535.61	
Public Works Dept.	5,455.41	
City Hospital	479,537.65	
Outside Aid	118,173.64	
Aid to Dep. Children (State)	80,704.48	
Old Age Assistance (C. & T.)	65,247.10	
Veterans Benefits	100,009.26	
School	311.00	
		$ 983,521.82
County Tax		23,146.33
State Assessments: Underestimates — 1956		
Boston Metro. District Tax	.01	
Metro. Transit Authority	10,519.39	
Metro. Transit Authority Bond Payment	1,147.89	
		11,667.29
Overlay Deficits:		
Levy 1949	587.00	
Levy 1950	2,392.89	
Levy 1951	1,481.49	
Levy 1952	6,576.40	
Levy 1953	7,272.24	
Levy 1954	7,900.34	
Levy 1955	8,843.34	
Levy 1956	19,054.06	
		54,107.76
		$2,514,946.51

WA

Cash		642,384.65
Accounts Receivable:		
Metered Rates	98,347.93	
Annual Rates	319.46	
Miscellaneous Charges	11,450.36	
		110,117.75
Water Liens, Added to Taxes — 1956		1,320.66
		$753,823.06

NON-REVENUE

Cash		$864,292.73
State and County Aid to Highways: (Chapter 90 Construction)		
State	47,467.45	
County	23,733.73	
		71,201.18
Loans Authorized		5,000,000.00
Sewer Construction Revenue		91.27
		$5,935,585.18

WA

Cash	$54,472.95

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Continued

Wilson Fund	$ 89.24	
		$ 2,219.72
Sanders Temperance Fund		50.00
Cemetery Trust Fund		70,469.47
Federal H. S. Lunch Program		4,234.11
Federal Elementary School Milk Program		4,073.27
Athletic Fund		13,112.95
Old Age Assistance — Recoveries		13,578.25
Disability Assistance — Recoveries		1,692.44
State Assessments — Overestimates 1956:		
Smoke Insp. Tax	413.46	
Metro. Park. Tax	8,157.46	
Metro. Sewer Tax	59,652.73	
		68,223.65
Revenue Reserved for Appropriation:		
Sale of City Land	5,719.76	
Sale of City Property	672.28	
Cemetery Sales	1,200.00	
Public Works	1,446.20	
		9,038.24
Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
Sewer Assessment	4,516.00	
Sidewalk Assessment	2,187.27	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	131,534.84	
Tax Title	40,475.68	
Departmental	983,521.82	
		1,162,235.61
Reserve for Petty Cash		75.00
Overlay Surplus		1,445.46
Surplus Revenue		590,683.40
		$2,514,946.51

T E R

Appropriation Balances	192,002.90
Guarantee Deposits	4,428.81
Revenue Reserved until Collected	111,438.41
Surplus Revenue — Reserved for Appropriation	445,952.94
	$753,823.06

ACCOUNTS (CITY)

Appropriation Balances	$863,607.40
Reserve for State & County Aid to Highways	71,201.18
Loans Unissued	5,000,000.00
Revenue Reserved for Appropriation — Sidewalk Const.	776.60
	$5,935,585.18

T E R

Appropriation Balances	$54,472.95

A GLANCE at the FUTURE

Harvard Trust Building
Harvard Square





Proposed
Charles G. Harrington
School



Karl Taylor Compton Laboratories, M.I.T. (Computation center in one-story wing)

IN MEMORIAM

NAME	DEPARTMENT	DATE OF DEATH	YEARS OF SERVICE
James Andella	Water	August 2	17
Mrs. Alma Bogue	Hospital	September 3	10
Thomas L. Bramhall	School	January 6	46
Mrs. Catherine Connolly	Hospital	September 8	15
Lillian M. Cuddy	School	August 7	52
Frederick J. Delaney	Police	November 25	18
Frank Dolphy	Public Works	February 26	19
John J. Driscoll	Public Works	January 29	34
Joseph F. Freni	School	November 10	24
Mabel A. Harrington	School	December 6	36
Philip Krohn	Public Works	May 6	28
Joseph J. Lopez	Public Works	February 3	9
Charles F. MacDonald	School	July 16	17
Joseph P. Mahoney	Treasury	August 24	18
Julia McCarthy	Hospital	March 11	25
Patrick F. Murphy	Public Works	March 23	33
Warren G. Murphy	Health	July 7	26
Thomas O'Connor	Hospital	February 8	17
William F. O'Mahony	Public Works	November 26	18
Joseph Owens	Water	September 28	9
William Regan	Hospital	September 19	34
M. Agnes Tierney	School	November 30	38
Esther L. Williams	Election Commission	June 6	3


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SOLITAS GIVES COMMANDMENTS VETO AND PROCLAIM
COMMANDMENTS THEY HAVE FRAMED LAWS BY WHICH TO BE
GOVERNED IT IS GOOD ARE AND TRADITIONS TO SERVE THE
PEOPLE BY ADMINISTERING THEY LAWS FAITHFULLY IF THE LAWS
ARE NOT OBSERVED THE PEOPLE ARE NOT WELL GOVERNED